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Dear Ms. Calabrese:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 115125.

The City of Houston (the "city") received a request for information concerning a particular taxicab driver and taxicab company. You ask whether information on a municipal court citation and a tax collector's receipt for a Texas Title Application/Registration/Motor Vehicle Tax is excepted from required public disclosure based on section 552.130 of the Government Code.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides as follows

- (a) Information is excepted from [required public disclosure] if the information relates to:
- (1) a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit issued by an agency of this state;
- (2) a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state; or
- (3) a personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or a local agency authorized to issue an identification document.

(b) Information described by Subsection (a) may be released only if, and in the manner, authorized by Chapter 730, Transportation Code.

We believe that section 552.130 applies to the driver's license number, license plate number and to the receipt in its entirety. Accordingly, the city must withhold this information from the requestor.

We are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and may not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

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